

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached Replacement Sheets replace the original sheets containing Figs. 1-8. In the attached Replacement Sheets, Figs. 5-7 include revisions addressing each of the objections raised in the Office Action.

Attachment: Six (6) Replacement Sheets - Amended Figs. 1-8.

REMARKS

The Office Action objects to the specification, stating “[r]eferences to the claims should be deleted.” Office Action at 2. The Office Action also objects to the drawings. The Office Action indicates that, in Fig. 5, “[l]ines, characters, and numbers are not uniformly thick and well-defined.” Id. at 3. Additionally, the Office Action indicates that, in Figs. 6 and 7, “number, letters are small.” Id. The Office Action also objects to claim 52, stating that “it’ (line 4) should be - the tyre’s --.” Id. Additionally, the Office Action objects to claims 72, 79-83, 85, 91, and 97-99, stating that “the processing step’ should be - the processing stage--.” Additionally, the Office Action rejects claims 52, 55, 56, 60, 69-71, 74, 75, 79, 90, 96, 97, and 102-104 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Mancosu et al. (Published U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0064219). Id. Finally, the Office Action indicates that claims 53, 54, 57-59, 61-68, 72, 73, 76-78, 80-89, 91-95, and 98-101 contain allowable subject matter. Id. at 7.

By this Reply, Applicants have amended the specification to remove the references to specific claim numbers from the specification. Additionally, Applicants have attached replacement drawing sheets that address the objections to the drawings. Additionally, Applicants have amended claim 52 consistent with the Examiner’s suggestion provided in the objection to the claim.

Regarding the objections to the claims 72, 79-83, 85, 91, and 97-99, Applicants have amended the claims by removing each recitation of the term “step” from the claims. Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments should address the Examiner’s concerns.

Regarding the rejection of claims 52, 72, 79-83, 85, 91, and 97-99 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), Applicants have amended independent claims 52, 71, and 97 to recite claim features identified as allowable by the Office Action. Applicants have amended independent claim 52 to include all of the features previously recited in allowable claim 53, as well as to recite "providing, by means of a sensor device operatively associated with the tyre, a first signal representative of the motion of at least one point of the tyre during the tyre's rolling on the surface." Similarly, Applicants have amended claim 71 to contain all of the features previously recited in allowable claim 72, as well as to recite "a sensor device operatively associated with the tyre for providing a first signal representative of the motion of at least one point of the tyre during the rolling of said tyre on a surface having a respective roughness." Applicants have also amended claim 97 to include all of the features previously recited in allowable claim 98. Consistent with these amendments, Applicants have cancelled claims 53, 72, and 98. Applicants respectfully submit that the originally filed application and drawings fully support the amendments to the claims. No new matter has been added. Claims 52, 54-71, 73-97, and 99-104 are currently pending.

Because independent claims 52, 71, and 97 now contain the allowable features of previous claims 53, 72, and 98, respectively, Applicants respectfully submit claims 52, 71, and 97, as well as their dependent claims 54-70, 73-96, and 99-104, are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant submits that this claimed invention, as amended, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art references cited against this application. Applicant therefore respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration of the application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

The Office Action contains characterizations of the claims and related art with which Applicant does not necessarily agree. Unless expressly noted otherwise, Applicant declines to subscribe to any statement or characterization of the Office Action.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conversation might advance prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's undersigned agent at 202-408-4492.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Replacement Drawing Sheets (Figs. 1-8)